

Application Serial No.: 09/833,069
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Amendment Dated February 22, 2005

Remarks

By this Amendment, claims 29, 31, and 33 are amended, claims 1-20 and 38-60 are cancelled, and claims 61-95 are newly added. Claims 21-27 were previously cancelled. Therefore, claims 28-37 and 61-95 are pending. Claims 28-37 are indicated as directed toward patentable subject matter. Applicant requests allowance of the pending claims in view of the following remarks.

Telephonic Examiner Interview

New claims 61-95 have been added in light of a telephonic Examiner Interview in which the Examiner proposed various claim amendments for expediting prosecution of the application. Among others, the Examiner suggested that the features of claim 12 be incorporated into claim 1 and that the features of claim 42 be incorporated into claim 39. The Examiner also objected to the use of the term "exhaustively" in claims 29, 31, and 33 and suggested that this term be eliminated.

Applicant submits that such claim amendments are neither necessary for purposes of patentability or to overcome the references relied upon by the Examiner. Applicant expressly maintains that the claims pending prior to this Amendment are patentable over the references relied upon by the Examiner. Applicant expressly reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of the claims pending prior to this Amendment in a continuation application.

However, solely in an effort to expedite prosecution of this application, Applicant amends claims 29, 31, and 33 and submits new claims 61-95 for the Examiner's consideration. Applicant submits that these claims are patentable over the references relied upon by the Examiner and asks that they be passed to allowance.

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Conclusion

Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is requested. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative at the number provided.

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